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UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce

February 9, 1953

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Senate recently passed S. Res. 41 calling for an investigation into matters affecting interstate commerce and the security of the nation and assigned the problem to the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of which I am Chairman.

Among other things, an inquiry was suggested into the "effectiveness of measures and efforts instituted by Government agencies to control the shipment or transshipment of exported materials to foreign countries." This practice has been termed a "Sixth Column" and seems to be developing into a matter of paramount importance to the welfare of our country. This is particularly true in view of the fact that remedial legislation appears needed to curb the practice.

The Navy Department no doubt is aware of some matters of interest in this field and I am hoping that you will authorize the appropriate persons in your department to cooperate with and make available to representatives of the Investigative Subcommittee staff information, records and other data in your department.

I want you to know that your cooperation and assistance in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Chas. W. Tobey

Chairman

Hon. H. B. Anderson
Secretary
Department of the Navy
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Senator Tobey:

I have received your letter of 9 February requesting the help of the Navy Department in the investigation currently being undertaken by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. In connection with your request I have been thinking how your needs can best be satisfied.

The Economic Defense Advisory Committee (E.D.A.C.) has been established jointly by the Director for Mutual Security and the Secretary of State to provide for implementation of Public Law No. 213 and National Security Council directives establishing National Policy on Economic Defense. The Director for Mutual Security, and the Secretary of State, requested the Director of Central Intelligence to arrange for the provision of coordinated information needed by him to keep the President and the Congress informed as required by Public Law No. 213. In response, the Director of Central Intelligence agreed to establish appropriate means to implement this requirement. By action of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, the Navy's representative on that committee has been directed to contribute information in support of the above commitment.

Accordingly, it is recommended that your Committee address its request to the Economic Defense Advisory Committee, the Chair of which is DAB, rather than to the Navy Department.

Sincerely yours,